

### AFFAIRS OF THE RAILWAYS.

Freight Traffic on Indianapolis Lines Continues to Be Heavier than in Former Years.

It will be noticed that last week nearly 21,000 loaded cars were received and forwarded at Indianapolis, a number which has never been exceeded except in the week ending Nov. 2 of this year, and it is stated that the movement would have been still larger if there were enough cars to meet the demand. There is not an east-and-west line or a north-and-south line which can fill its orders for cars as promptly as the freight men desire. So general is the improvement in all classes of business that it is difficult to set out any one class which is predominant. The roads are now moving last year's and this year's corn crops, this year's wheat crop, this year's cotton crop and some tobacco, while shipments of the hog crop are of no small importance. The baled hay is not moving as briskly as usual in early November, the weather being too warm. The quantity of coal being handled is rather a surprise. While shipments West of anthracite coals are light, the coals of Ohio and Indiana are moving in large quantities. There is not a single road which has sufficient cars to handle this branch of its traffic. East-bound there has been quite an improvement in most business in the last week, and shipments of grain to Eastern markets are heavier than a month ago. Shipments of lumber eastward are about the same as in the week ending Nov. 2. The north-and-south roads are doing a good business. It will be noticed that the J. M. & L. is handling more than an average number of loaded cars, and the same is true of the fifth division of the Pennsylvania lines, and the L. N. & C. on its main line and the Indianapolis division. The Pacific coast line has power to handle a considerable percentage of it being of a local character. Freight agents at the city depots say that such a heavy business as they are now doing, and have been doing for weeks, is unparalleled. The shipments of furniture, machinery, carriages, buggies, carts, etc., to the West, the South and the Pacific coast points have never before been equaled. Below is given the number of cars received and forwarded at Indianapolis in the week ending Nov. 8, as compared with the corresponding weeks in 1889 and 1888.

NAME OF ROAD	Loaded cars, 1889	Loaded cars, 1888	Loaded cars, 1887
L. N. & C. Air-line	386	420	295
L. N. & C. Local	1,042	1,042	874
C. & H. D. (Ind. p's div.)	943	824	656
L. E. & W.	582	618	427
Penn. lines	1,305	1,492	747
Chicago div.	578	698	350
Col. div.	1,732	1,841	1,041
Columbus div.	1,204	563	635
Peoria div.	1,160	766	745
Ind. div.	2,141	2,141	1,451
Ch. div.	2,888	2,575	1,835
St. L. div.	2,293	2,002	1,829
Clev. div.	1,667	2,244	1,850
Vandalia	2,064	2,218	2,000
Totals	20,626	19,265	15,229
Empty cars	4,976	4,553	4,810
Total movement	25,602	23,818	20,039

### Crossings and Viaducts.

James McCrea, of the Pennsylvania lines, and Joseph Ramsey, jr., of the Big Four lines, were in conference at Pittsburgh two days last week. Arrangements were perfected by which at all points where the Big Four and the Pennsylvania lines cross at grade interlocking cross signals shall be put in. There are a large number of the crossings of the two lines in Ohio and Indiana, and the two companies have agreed upon a heavy expense as the crossings cost \$2,400 each. The building of viaducts at Columbus and at Indianapolis was also discussed. At Columbus a plan has been agreed upon which provides that the city shall build the viaduct and agree to pay all the damages arising therefrom, providing the roads will make certain repairs to their tracks. This they agree to do, and further agree to share in the expense of building the structure. As regards Indianapolis the conclusion was reached that the Union Railway company would at any time build the viaduct where the citizens decide and commence it as soon as the decision is reached. Mr. Ramsey says if they wait it will be built, even if it stands there only to rot. The company has the money and is ready to proceed with the work when the question of location is determined upon.

### Tramway Notes.

Belt road traffic last week handled 1,384 cars loads of live stock.

In the week ending Nov. 8 there were transferred over the Belt road 14,843 cars.

The volume of traffic east bound over the Vandalia and the St. Louis division of the Big Four creeps along, but it is not quite so even. The Vandalia last week brought in from the west 1,218 and the St. Louis 1,202 loaded cars. In the corresponding week in 1889 the same roads brought into this station 1,240 and 1,213 loaded cars respectively.

The four Pennsylvania lines handled at this point last week 4,348 loaded cars, against 4,400 in the corresponding week of 1889, 3,311 in 1888, and 3,383 in 1887. The corresponding week last year was one of the best business weeks of the year with the Pennsylvania lines. These roads handled at Cincinnati last week of the Chicago division 1,524 loaded cars.

The official report of Geo. Bender, superintendent of the Chicago division of the Big Four, shows that the week ending Nov. 8 handled on the main line and branches 30,029 loaded cars and 10,655 empties, an increase in number of loaded cars handled as compared with the week ending Nov. 1, 1890, of 2,738. Of the increase in loaded cars 2,440 was on the main line and 1,188 on its branches.

### Personal, Local and General Notes.

The Chicago & Alton has declared its usual quarterly dividend of 2 per cent.

The Ohio & Mississippi added eight engines to its power this year, all built in its own shops.

Joseph Ramsey, jr., has been elected a member of the board of directors of the Union Railway Company.

General Manager Greene, of the Big Four lines, will return to duty from the East. President Ingalls will remain East until the last week in this month.

C. H. Dent, formerly claim agent of the Big Four, was last week appointed superintendent of terminal tracks of the New York & New England road at Boston, Mass.

It is highly probable that William M. Greene, general manager of the Big Four, will, on the 1st of January, remove his headquarters from Cincinnati to the East.

D. B. Martin, general passenger agent of the Big Four lines, who has been East for several days looking after matters in relation to immigrant business, returned yesterday.

Including the five new engines received last week, the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton road has 103 locomotives, 75 per cent. of which are either new or recently rebuilt.

The Big Four Company is building a number of neat depots at points on its line. At Fern Bank, Valley Junction and Thornouton the stations are nearing completion.

The Guarantee Ticket Brokers' Association holds its annual meeting in Kansas City on Tuesday next, and on the same day the American Ticket Brokers' Association convenes at Louisville.

John Wells, assistant to President and General Manager J. F. Barnard, of the Ohio & Mississippi, spent Sunday in the city, the guest of his brother, A. G. Wells, superintendent of the Peoria division of the Big Four.

Ticket collectors are now employed on all trains of the Big Four running between Cincinnati and Cleveland. It is stated that General Manager Greene has decided that they be employed after the 1st of December on the line between Galion and St. Louis.

The passenger earnings of the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton line in October were larger than in any previous October. On Oct. 9 the receipts were the largest of any day since the road was opened for business. The increase over the month of October, 1889, was \$30,360.

On Thursday a stock train of twenty-three cars, loaded with Texas cattle, was hauled on the Washburn 151 miles in four

hours and twenty minutes. But five stops were made in making the run. It is claimed that this beats any record made on Western roads with freight trains.

The management of the Chesapeake & Ohio, which purchased forty-five tons of steel rails, weighing seventy-five pounds to the yard, to be delivered at the rate of five thousand tons a month. When this is in the yard, the main line will all be laid with this heavy-weight steel.

Under the laws of Indiana such an accident as that on the Queen & Crescent road on Friday could not have occurred. An engine on the road of this State is liable not only to a heavy fine but imprisonment if he stops a passenger train on the crossing of another road. The law in this matter must be to rigid enforcement.

Chief Engineer Becker, of the Pennsylvania lines west of Pittsburgh, will recommend that fifteen miles of sixty-pound-to-the-yard steel rails be purchased for the Indianapolis & Vincennes road. Ninety miles of the road will then be laid with steel of that weight. He also recommends that the side-tracks at Spencer, Lyons and several other stations be lengthened by using the light rails taken up.

The Wheeling & Lake Erie got its tracks into Steubenville, O., Saturday last. The company would have accomplished this much sooner had it not been for the lawsuits they were called on to defend at about every property line. President Woodford says that when the company was built to build to the satisfaction of the citizens were very enthusiastic, but as soon as the road reached the city limits there seemed to be a scheme to pluck the company out of every pocket.

The founders of the Indianapolis Freight Bureau are anxious that the impression should not get out that the organization is to antagonize railroads. Its purpose is to protect the interests of shippers here and that there shall be no discrimination against Indianapolis in favor of any other business center. The railroad officials will directly meet any abuse of that kind. There are points in the State where Indianapolis merchants could more readily do business if this city was placed on a fair basis with Chicago, Cincinnati and St. Louis, and to correct this injustice will be one of the aims of the association.

### WHERE THE DEFEAT IS CALAMITOUS.

It Will Create Alarm Among Those About to Open Up New Industries.

Much the worst effect of the Republican reverse is the alarm it is certain to create in the minds of capitalists who are contemplating making large investments in enlarging old industries and creating new ones under the protection afforded by the tariff. They are sure that if the new law is passed, the tariff will be so low that they will be unable to remain unchallenged for a reasonable period, or must the old tariff agitation be renewed and new and fought over in a House overwhelmingly Democratic?

A moderate Democratic majority in the House would not have disturbed them, but the rebel vote of the majority of the House, determined by last Tuesday's election seems portentous, especially since it promises to be accompanied by a considerable diminution of the Republican majority in the Senate. There is no denying that the late election from this point of view is a calamity, not because of the results that are likely to flow from it, but because the tariff is so low that it will be unable to remain unchallenged for a reasonable period, or must the old tariff agitation be renewed and new and fought over in a House overwhelmingly Democratic?

Nevertheless, if intending investors would recall the history of legislation in the past decade they would be less likely to have much cause for alarm. It is the province of the Democratic party to agitate, but not to act. The Republicans have been in the majority for the last two years, and twice since their overwhelming reverse in 1874 and both times they revised and settled the tariff law so firmly that all subsequent changes of the Democrats have failed to reduce duties on free-trade lines have proved unavailing. For two years, from March, 1879, to March, 1881, the Democrats held a decided majority in both branches of Congress, but they did nothing, either for good or evil, but talk and threaten. In three other Congresses, with the Democratic majority in both branches, and the Republican control of the Senate turning on the support of some unstable independent, the country suffered, it is true, but the tariff was not lowered, and the subject of tariff reduction, but not from any action taken.

This evidence of the stability of the tariff law, as established by the Republicans, ought to reassure those who see ground for alarm in the present situation. The Republican control of the Senate is still required to make it impossible for the tariff to be lowered, and it is not likely that the severe defeat of Tuesday is a great misfortune, because by it creating fears of tariff changes it is calculated to prevent the McKinley act from having its full effect in stimulating, reviving and enlarging the industrial development of the Nation.

### DEMOCRACY IN MISSISSIPPI.

Simple but Effective Methods of Depriving the Negro of His Vote.

Southern Letter in Xenia Journal.

My next point was Meridian, Miss. This was my first real introduction to negroes and I arrived there at 11 o'clock. A. M., and at that early hour there were dozens of ox teams in sight loaded with the fleecy cotton, they having come in the day before. The proportion of colored people was three to four, in favor of the colored man, and yet they always turn up good round Democratic majorities. I had a talk with a white man of average intelligence, and was informed that the "nigger" never wanted to vote and seldom went to the polls. In speaking of the race generally he said that the colored man was a lazy, indolent, and without a single redeeming quality. He had serious doubts about the colored man having a soul. "Why," said he, "during their religious revivals they invariably steal something, and when the day of baptism comes some of the candidates are sure to be in jail for stealing. 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